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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Alameda, CA 94501
Date: May 22, 2001

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time to file an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2000. This petition is for a first extension of time originally set for response, that is, March 22, 2001. With the granting of this request, the time for response is May 22, 2001.

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